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METROPOLITAN DADE COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION BOARD

DESIGNATION REPORT - INDIVIDUAL SITE

Site Name Talbott Home

Designation No. _____
Date of Filing 5/27/88
Date of Designation _____

Site Address 13390 S.W. 200th Street

Owner Address Dale F. and Janet A. Jackson, 8200 S.W. 112th St., Miami, FL. 33156

Site Location - Legal description or district boundaries (see attached map):

The W 350' of the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, less the S 210' of Section 11, T. 56 S., R. 39 E.

Dade County Historic Survey Findings:

Other Surveys: _____ H.A.B.S.

_____ Natl. Reg. _____ H.A.E.R.

Other _____

Title Verification (attach copy): Book 11093 Page No. 82 Deed Type Warranty

Current Zoning (describe): AU - agriculture use

Current Use (describe): Residential

Current Condition (describe): The main house and the cottage are in excellent condition. The shed is currently being repaired.

Physical Description of Site (attach 1 or 2 photos):

The Talbott site includes the main house, on the northwest corner of the property, a work shed to the south and a cottage, as its principal structures. The main house has an L-shaped plan with modern additions to the left (east) and rear (south). The structure is one and a half stories, with gable roofs. Exterior walls are of oolitic limestone, while the roof is covered in composition slate of a pale gray-green color. Gable ends, or the upper wall portions just below the gables, are covered in wood shingles. There is a brick chimney and a large gabled dormer on the western half of the front elevation. Windows have all been replaced with glass jalousies, except those in the rear addition which are aluminum awning type. The main doorway consists of a wood panel double door, flanked by engaged, slender columns.
(See Continuation Sheet)

Significance - Brief summary including documentary evidence that indicates the historical, architectural or archeological significance of the site.

The three structures located at 13390 S.W. 200th Street are uniquely significant in that in their early history they served as home to the Talbott family, Silver Palm pioneers, and, today, they incorporate artifacts and material from the Harvey Firestone estate that once stood on Miami Beach. *addition*

I.F. Talbott, a retired insurance company executive, from McPherson, Kansas, arrived in Silver Palm, in 1908. He bought a homestead in the vicinity of Quail

Statement of Significance (continued):

Roost Drive (S.W. 200th Street) and thus, began the continuous residency of the Talbott family in the area. In 1910, his son, Walter O. Talbott, also left Kansas and proved a homestead in the same area. Walter, and his wife, Mary Ellen, began to farm the land and were successful raising crops of tomatoes and potatoes. Later, the Talbotts also prospered in the cultivation of flowers. The produce and flowers were sold at the local markets. (See Continuation Sheet)

(Use additional sheets if necessary)

Bibliographic References:

Dade County, FL. Recorder's Office, Deed Abstract Book 11093, p. 82.

Dade County, FL. Recorder's Office, Plat Books, Volume 6, p. 3.

Fox, Frank. "Work Begun on Beach's Biggest Hotel," Miami Daily News, January 17, 1954.

(See Continuation Sheet II)

Special Standards for Certificate of Appropriateness:

Impacts - Impact of the designation on proposed public improvements, renewal projects or private development.

Draft Resolution Designating the Property:

Whereas, the Talbott Home was built ca. 1929 by I.F. Talbott, a Silver Palm pioneer, and

Whereas, the structures on this property contain material salvaged from the Harvey Firestone estate, and

Whereas, the Talbott Home retains its rural character, while containing a unique interior environment, and

Whereas, the preservation of historic buildings is in the best interest of Dade County and its citizens, and

(See Continuation Sheet II)

Designation is approved as evidenced by the signature
of the Historic Preservation Board Chairman

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends the historic site designation of the Talbot Home.

CONTINUATION SHEET:

Physical Description

The rear addition is enclosed by the aluminum awning windows, mounted on a tall, pecky cypress wood paneling wainscoting, used as exterior siding. The flat roof has exposed rafter ends. The east addition continues the plane of the front elevation. It is faced with vertical wood siding and topped by a flat roof. This addition, in spite of its simple, neutral appearance, is the least sympathetic element of the complex. The interior has been updated through the years. The most important feature of the interior is the wood paneling of Louisiana pecky cypress, salvaged from the former Harvey Firestone estate on the present site of the Fontainebleau Hilton in Miami Beach.

Just south of the main house is a wood frame rectangular work shed, of long, narrow proportions, one story in height, with a gable roof. Exterior walls are covered with wide, vertical boards, older in appearance than any other element used in any of the structures. Corrugated metal is used as facing on portions of the north end wall, in combination with oolitic limestone. The east elevation has three overhead garage doors. The west elevation has a small lean-to addition. The south end wall is covered in aluminum V-crimp siding.

The contents of the work shed are its most significant feature. Here are stored the artifacts salvaged from the Firestone estate, including excellent wrought iron grillwork, pecky cypress and mahogany paneling, wood trellisses and other carved wood details.

The cottage to the south is rectangular, one story with a gable roof. Walls are faced in stucco. The right end of the front elevation is faced in ornamental brickwork. Old bricks are laid diagonally in a modified herring bone pattern. The remainder of the front elevation is a screened porch, recessed within the main gable. Inside, the cottage contains numerous details from the Firestone estate, including pecky cypress paneling, a Honduran mahogany pedimented front doorway, stained glass, ceramic tiles and a brass fireplace. Wood trellisses and masonry landscape ornaments are also incorporated with the cottage.

Behind the cottage to the south of the property is a greenhouse. Toward the northeast corner is an empty pool, formerly a duck pond. The north and west boundaries of the property are defined by an oolitic limestone wall and a row of tall Australian pines, separating the site from Quail Roost Drive and Talbott Road. The landscaped grounds and the variety of fruit and flowering trees add to the special, rural character that the Talbott property has retained over the years.

Significance

Mrs. Talbott, a graduate of the McPherson School of Music, was an accomplished pianist and organist, and on occasion, taught music lessons in her home to area families. Mr. Talbott was active in the burgeoning community and became a trustee of the Redland Farmlife School, founded in 1916. Mr. Talbott was also the first president of the Redland P.T.A. The Talbotts had two children, Donald and Wuanita Jane. Members of the Talbott family continue to live in the Silver Palm area today.

The prominence and civic contributions of the Talbott family to the Silver Palm area are reflected by the name given to S.W. 134th Avenue. During Dan Killian's term as County Commissioner, in the early 1920s, the Avenue was given the name of Talbott Road.

The original Talbott residence, demolished in recent years, stood across from 13390 S.W. 200th Street, the second I.F. Talbott home (ca. 1929). On this property stand a main house, facing Quail Roost Drive; a small cottage, facing S.W. 134th Avenue, a shed, located between the house and the cottage; a greenhouse, and , a duck pond. The interior of the main house and cottage contains a variety of materials salvaged from the Firestone estate by David V. Trout, a previous owner of the Talbott property. The 15 bedroom Firestone mansion, built in 1919, was demolished in the early 1950's in order to make room for the Fontainebleau Hotel. Mr. Trout, an interior designer by avocation, recovered much material (See Physical Description) from the opulent mansion and adapted it to fit the interior of the habitable structures on the property. In 1981, the property was sold and its current owners continue to preserve, within the main house and cottage, and on the grounds, the unique relics of the Firestone mansion.

CONTINUATION SHEET II:

Significance

The combination of these simple buildings with more sophisticated interiors create a unique environment. Yet, the exterior appearance still retains its original rural charm.

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R.L. Polk and Co., 1923-1926

Talbott, Don O. Telephone Interview (by Maria T. Tenkin) Miami, April 26, 1983.

Taylor, Jean. Lecture Series on "Silver Palm," 1980.

Resolution

Whereas, the Talbott Home is located on the W. 350' of the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$, less the S. 210 ft. of Section 11, T. 56 S., R. 39 E.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Historic Preservation Board on Thursday, June 23, 1983, has designated the Talbott Home as an individual historic site pursuant to the Metropolitan Dade County Historic Preservation Ordinance (81-13) and that the Talbott Home is subject to all rights, privileges and requirements of that ordinance.

TALBOTT RESIDENCE - 13390 S.W. 200th STREET

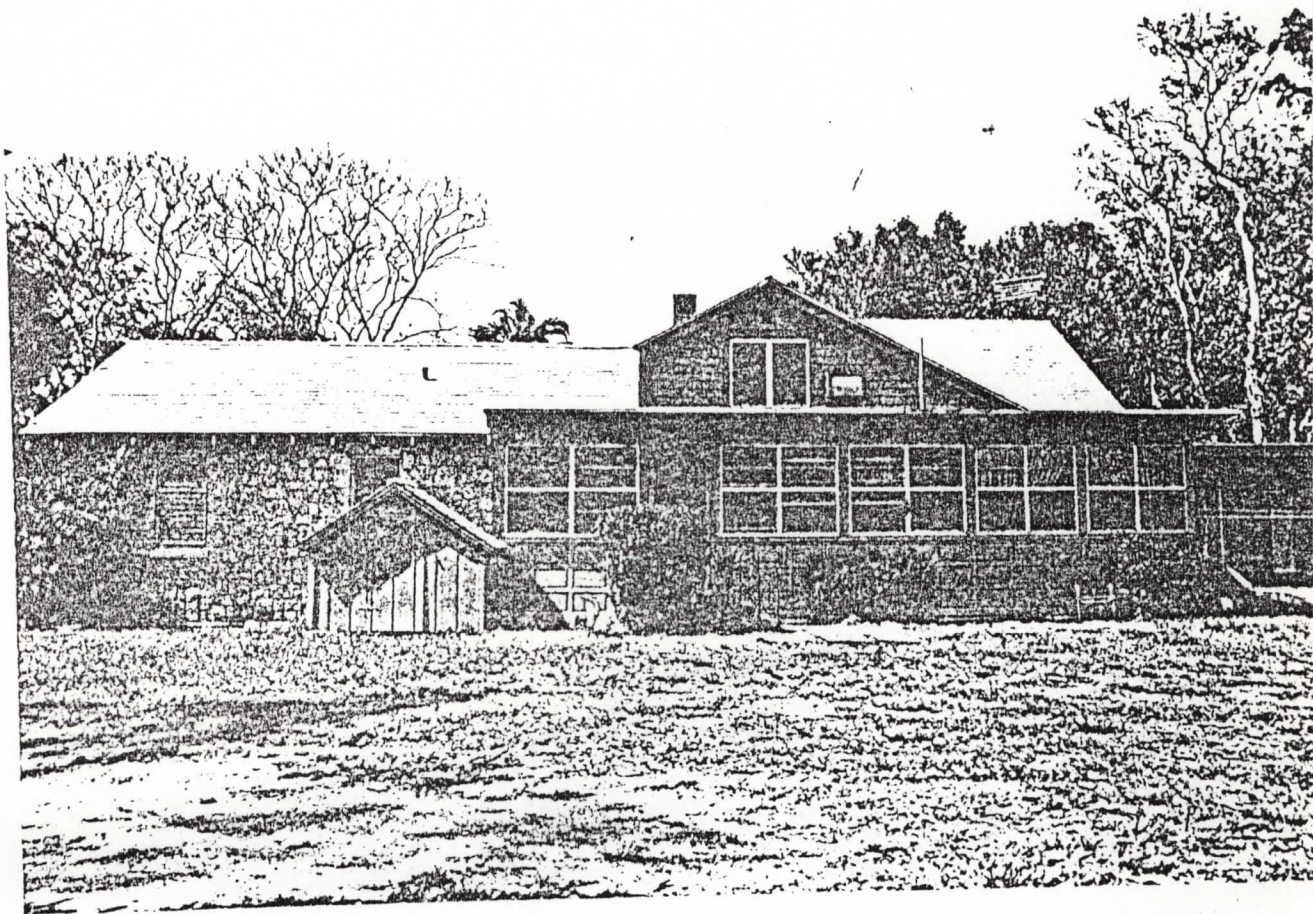
MAIN HOUSE - FRONT ELEVATION





TALBOTT RESIDENCE - 13390 S.W. 200th STREET

MAIN HOUSE - REAR ELEVATION



TALBOTT RESIDENCE - 13390 S.W. 200th STREET

COTTAGE



TALBOTT RESIDENCE - 13390 S.W. 200th STREET

SHED

